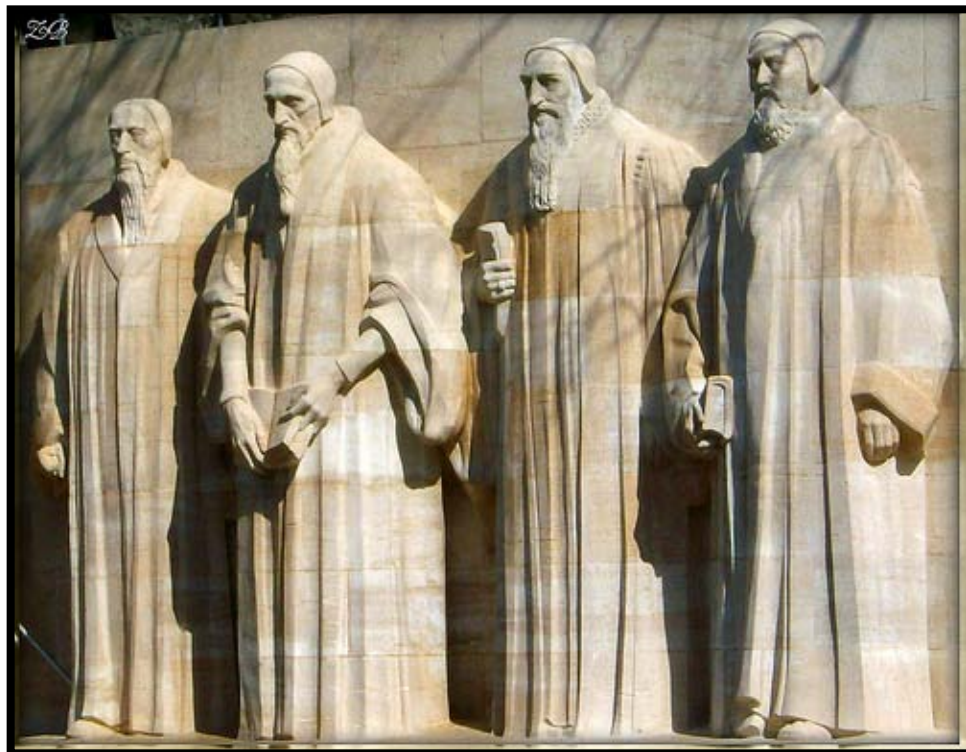


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# Order of Worship

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*As we gather for worship, we encourage you to spend time in prayer and reflection.*

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

R. Charles Grant

(Please fill in the Fellowship Register at the end of your pew.)

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ Be With Me

Joseph Browne



Christ be with me, Christ with-in me, Christ be-hind me Christ be-fore me,  
Christ be-neath me, Christ a-bove me, Christ in qui-et, Christ in dan-ger,



Christ be-side me, Christ to win me, Christ, to com-fort and re-store me.  
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran-ger.

### CALL TO CONFESSION

R. Charles Grant

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Gracious God, we are aware of our sins—too heavy to carry, too real to hide and too deep to undo. We confess how often we forget your gift of love in Jesus Christ and the invitation to share a way of life that heals and transforms. In our rush to control, we ignore the connectedness of all life and instead serve our own interests. We confess that at times we prefer maintaining things as they are, rather than risk the changes to our lives and our communities that you call us to make. Forgive us for our lack of trust and for what we can no longer bear to hold. Set us free from a past that we cannot change and open us to a future in which we can be changed. Give us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*(A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.)*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

R. Charles Grant

### † CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(sing twice)*



Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!



Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## HEARING THE WORD

*We approach God's Word prayerfully, trusting that as Scripture is read and proclaimed, our hearts and minds will be opened to transformation and inspiration by the Holy Spirit.*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Joan LaLeike

### FIRST READING

Matthew 23:1-12 *(p. 25 in pew Bible)*

Joan LaLeike

### PSALTER

Psalm 43

*All sing at the cantor's cue:*



My soul is thirst-ing for the Lord; when shall I see Godface to face?

### SECOND READING

Micah 3:5-12 *(p. 863 in pew Bible)*

Jacqui Van Vliet

One: The Word of the Lord. All: **Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

*The Last Word?*

Jacqui Van Vliet

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*We respond to God's word with thanksgiving and prayer.*

*As we come forward to celebrate communion, we are invited to place offerings of prayer cards and monetary gifts in the baskets located at the front of the Sanctuary.*

### † HYMN 457

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

R. Charles Grant

### THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER *(in unison)*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

### THE COMMUNION

*You are invited to come forward, using the center aisle, to partake of the Lord's Supper. Please break off a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and return to your seat, using the side aisle. If you prefer gluten- and casein-free bread, please partake from the center table. If you desire to be served in your seat, please raise your hand to alert an usher.*

### MUSIC AT COMMUNION

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jacqui Van Vliet

### † HYMN 218

New Songs of Celebration Render

RENDEZ A DIEU

### † SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Jacqui Van Vliet

One: The peace of Christ be with you. All: **And also with you.**

### POSTLUDE

† *Please stand, if able.*

## ❖ Worship Notes ❖

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*"I am the resurrection and the life."*

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We invite you to share your gifts and talents in leading worship during the 8:00 a.m. service. You may serve in a variety of ways, from welcoming others as an usher, reading prayers or scripture, serving communion, to providing special music or sharing other artistic gifts.

If you are interested in ushering, contact Phoebe Sheftel, [pasheftel@comcast.net](mailto:pasheftel@comcast.net) or 610-526-1802.

If you are an elder or deacon interested in serving Communion, please contact Bill Matthai at [William.Matthai@uphs.upenn.edu](mailto:William.Matthai@uphs.upenn.edu) or 610-668-1842 or Anita Iyengar at [aniye@comcast.net](mailto:aniye@comcast.net) or 610-645-6044.



If you would like to participate in other ways or explore how you might participate, contact Louisa Watkins Umphres, [louisaumphres@bmpc.org](mailto:louisaumphres@bmpc.org) or 610-525-2821, ext. 8828.



The schedule calls for our 8:00 a.m. worship service to return to the Chapel in mid-November.

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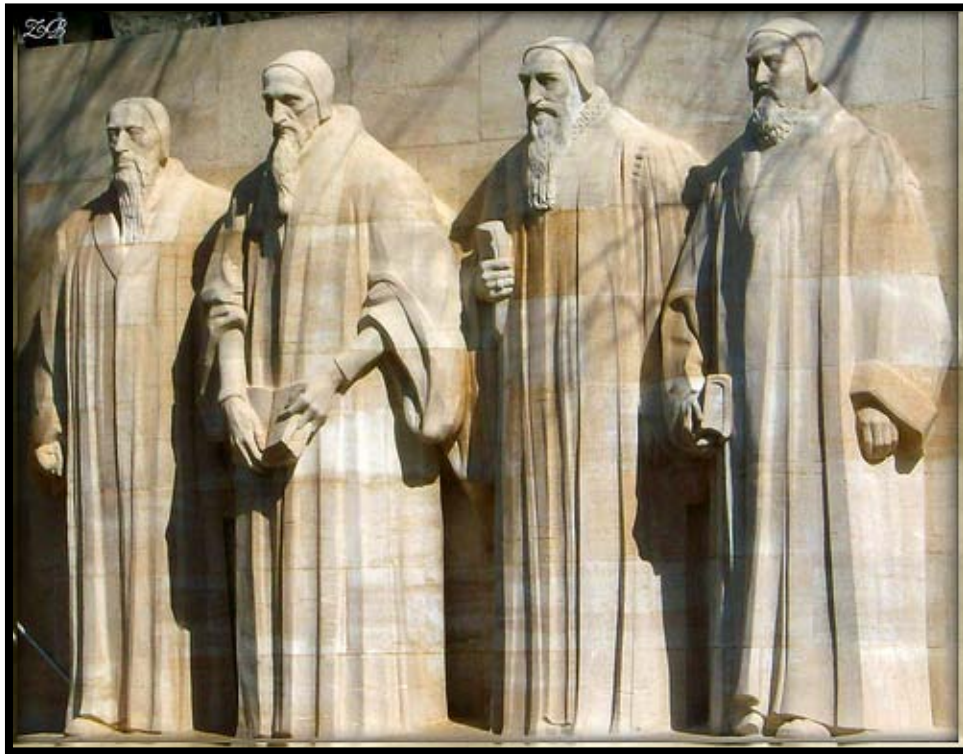
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# Order of Worship

*As we gather for worship, some prepare by greeting each other with words of peace, others with meditation and prayer. Please be respectful of how those around you prepare. Kindly refrain from taking photos or videos and please silence cell phones.*

## GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**PRELUDE** Prelude in E flat J.S. Bach

**WELCOME** R. Charles Grant

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Sherri Hausser

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

All: **Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,  
those redeemed from trouble,  
and gathered in from the four corners of the earth.**

One: They cried to the Lord in their trouble,  
and the Lord delivered them from their distress;

All: **O give thanks to the Lord for his steadfast love,  
for his wonderful works to humankind.**

One: For the Lord satisfies the thirsty,  
and fills the hungry with good things.

All: **Let us worship the living, loving God.**

† **HYMN 457** I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art TOULON

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*in unison*) Sherri Hausser

Gracious God, we are aware of our sins—too heavy to carry, too real to hide and too deep to undo. We confess how often we forget your gift of love in Jesus Christ and the invitation to share a way of life that heals and transforms. In our rush to control, we ignore the connectedness of all life and instead serve our own interests. We confess that at times we prefer maintaining things as they are, rather than risk the changes to our lives and our communities that you call us to make. Forgive us for our lack of trust and for what we can no longer bear to hold. Set us free from a past that we cannot change and open us to a future in which we can be changed. Give us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.)

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Sherri Hausser

† **GLORIA PATRI** (*in unison*) (*Hymnal 579*)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

(Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Moment.)

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** R. Charles Grant

**SENDING HYMN** Go now, Children, with our Blessing  
(See *Worship Notes* section for Sending Hymn.)

**FIRST LESSON** Matthew 23:1-12 (*p. 25 in pew Bible*) Sherri Hausser

**ANTHEM** Grant us thy Peace Felix Mendelssohn

(See *Worship Notes* section for text.)

**SECOND LESSON** Micah 3:5-12 (*p. 863 in pew Bible*) Jacqui Van Vliet

**SERMON** *The Last Word?* Jacqui Van Vliet

† **HYMN 335** Though I May Speak O WALY WALY

(Please be seated for the Welcoming of New Members.)

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS** Jacqui Van Vliet

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*in unison*) Louisa Watkins Umphres

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

~ The Apostles' Creed

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**OFFERTORY AND MINISTRY MOMENT** Sherri Hausser

Tracey Dolan, of Nurturing Minds, on behalf of Worldwide Ministries

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** A Prayer of the Middle Ages Howard Hanson

(See *Worship Notes* section for text.)

† **DOXOLOGY** (*in unison*) (*Hymnal 592*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Louisa Watkins Umphres

**AND THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*in unison*)

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bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass  
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† **HYMN 218** New Songs of Celebration Render RENDEZ A DIEU

**BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE** Jacqui Van Vliet

**POSTLUDE** Allegro from *Sonata I in f minor* Felix Mendelssohn

† *Please stand, if able.*

# ❖ Worship Notes ❖

## Go now, Children, with our Blessing

Go now, children with our blessing, to love and serve the Lord. May God  
 Bless you, May God guard you, May the light of God shine upon you, and may  
 God be gracious to you. May the presence of God be with you. May the  
 pre-sence of God be with you, and give you peace.

**ANTHEM** Grant us thy Peace Felix Mendelssohn  
 Grant us Thy peace, Almighty Lord, Thou Source of every blessing! Feeble and frail,  
 trust we Thy word, all things in Thee, possessing. In Thee is our hope and safety.

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** A Prayer of the Middle Ages Howard Hanson  
 We declare unto all the ages as the greatest marvel, ere there were hills and trees or the  
 mighty ocean, ere the sunlight shone forth, or the moon cast its beams, when naught was,  
 from end to end, there wert Thou, O God, Thou almighty God, from time unknown  
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The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
 and in loving memory of  
 Richard L. and Frances G. Tully  
 C. Wayne and M. Elizabeth Pratt



Dianne Heard will play the carillon following the service.



Due to HVAC construction, parking in back is limited.  
 Those who are able to walk across the street comfortably  
 are encouraged to park in the Harcum College lot.



Our 8:00 a.m. Sunday Worship remains in the Sanctuary.  
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 to return to the Chapel  
 in mid-November.



Please welcome these new members received today  
 in the Court after worship:  
 John Badalamenti  
 Teresa Bryce  
 Julia Koepp  
 Jonathan and Sharna Liggett  
 Jill McConnel  
 Sarah Smith  
 Kody Whipple\*

Assisting with this class:  
 Brian Boughton and Liz Walton

\*Kody Whipple presents himself for baptism;  
 Assisting Elder is Peter Craig.

Hearing devices are available for your use. You will find them in a black  
 case on the shelf in the Narthex. Take an instruction card to learn the simple  
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# WEEKLY CALENDAR: October 30 - November 6, 2011

## Sunday, October 30, 2011

8:00 a.m. *Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary*  
*The Rev. Jacqui Van Vliet will preach.*

10:00 a.m. *Worship with Senior Choir in the Sanctuary*  
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*Childcare for infants and toddlers, Ed. Bldg., Room 102, 7:45 - 11:15 a.m.*

8:30 a.m. Adult Class: *The Case for God*, Conference Room

9:00 a.m. Sunday Choir School, Fine Arts Center

9:00 a.m. Art @ 9 for age 3 and older, Ed. Bldg., Room 201

9:00 a.m. Session Breakfast Meeting with New Members, Congregational Hall

10:00 a.m. BLINK: Grades K-5 begin worship with families in Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. Church School for children age 2 (by 9.1.2011) - PreK, Ed. Bldg.

10:00 a.m. Middle School Sunday School, Ed. Bldg., Room 205

10:00 a.m. High School Sunday School, Ed. Bldg., Room 204

10:15 a.m. Grades K-5 classes meet in Ed. Bldg.

11:15 a.m. Adult Class: What's New about the Old Bible Stories, Conference Rm.

11:15 a.m. Adult Class: My Faith, My Finances, Congregational Hall

4:00 p.m. Youth Group, Congregational Hall

## Monday, October 31, 2011

9:00 a.m. Outreach Council Planning Meeting, Pastors Conference Room

9:00 a.m. Tai Chi, Middleton Center

7:00 p.m. Nominating Committee, Pastors Conference Room

7:30 p.m. PNC, Converse House Mtg. Room

7:30 p.m. Recovery International, Converse House Porch & Library

## Tuesday, November 1, 2011

7:00 a.m. Stewardship Committee, Conference Room

8:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Study Group, Converse House Mtg. Room

11:00 a.m. Walking the Labyrinth in Prayer, Congregational Hall

12:00 p.m. Preacher's Brown Bag Bible Study, Conference Room

1:30 p.m. Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Conference Room, Converse House Mtg. Room

6:50 p.m. Tutoring, Ed. Bldg.

7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting, Converse House Mtg. Room

7:30 p.m. Career Counseling, Conference Room

## Wednesday, November 2, 2011

10:00 a.m. PW Coffee Cup Bible Study, Converse House Mtg. Room

10:30 a.m. PW Horizons Bible Study, Rosemont Presbyterian Village ballroom

4:00 p.m. Carol Choir, Fine Arts Center

4:00 p.m. Jubilate Ringers, Fine Arts Center

5:00 p.m. Beginners Choir, Fine Arts Center

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5:00 p.m. St. Cecilia Girl Choir, Fine Arts Center

5:00 p.m. Weekly Wednesday Dinner, Congregational Hall

5:30 p.m. High School Bible Study, Conference Room

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6:30 p.m. Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center

6:30 p.m. Membership Council, Pastors Conference Room

6:50 p.m. Tutoring, Ed. Bldg.

7:00 p.m. Fine Arts Council, Conference Room

7:30 p.m. Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center

## Thursday, November 3, 2011

7:30 a.m. Major Gifts Meeting, Pastors Conference Room

8:30 a.m. Thursday Morning Prayer Group, Converse House Porch & Library

11:00 a.m. Torah Study, Main Line Reform Temple

7:00 p.m. Senior Choir, Fine Arts Center

## Friday, November 4, 2011

9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center

## Saturday, November 5, 2011

7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Porch & Library

## Sunday, November 6, 2011

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10:00 a.m. *Worship with Senior Choir in the Sanctuary*

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*Childcare for infants and toddlers, Ed. Bldg., Room 102, 7:45 - 11:15 a.m.*

8:30 a.m. Adult Class: *The Case for God*, Conference Room

9:00 a.m. Sunday Choir School, Fine Arts Center

9:00 a.m. Art @ 9 for age 3 and older, Ed. Bldg., Room 201

10:00 a.m. BLINK: Grades K-5 begin worship with families in Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. Church School for children age 2 (by 9.1.2011) - PreK, Ed. Bldg.

10:00 a.m. Middle School Sunday School, Ed. Bldg. Room 205

10:00 a.m. High School Sunday School, Ed. Bldg. Room 204

10:15 a.m. Grades 3-5 remain in worship

10:15 a.m. Grades K-2 classes meet in Ed. Bldg.

11:00 a.m. Senior Adult Council Brunch, Congregational Hall

11:15 a.m. Adult Class: Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Religion But Were Afraid to Ask, Conference Room

11:15 a.m. Capital Campaign Property Tours, Converse House Mtg. Room

11:30 a.m. Children's and Family Ministries Council Meeting, Ed. Bldg., Room 205

4:00 p.m. Youth Group, Congregational Hall

# Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

## Our Common Life



## The Week of October 30 - November 6, 2011

**WELCOME TO BMPC**, where we seek the contemporary relevance of God's Word and pray for the illuminating power of the Holy Spirit. As followers of Christ we welcome all, and we hope you find this to be a warm and nurturing community. We encourage you to return often and join us in our efforts to be God's faithful, attentive, and responsive people. Please visit the Welcome Center to the left of the main doors if you are new to us or have questions.

**BMPC ONLINE:** Check our website, [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org) for our church calendar, pastors' columns, sermon files, newsletters, and more. To receive our electronic newsletter, BMPC ENews, subscribe via our website or add your e-mail address to the fellowship register when it is passed. To learn more about the Presbyterian Church (USA), visit [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org).

## TODAY

**CAFE IN THE COURT.** Join us in the Court at 11:00 a.m. for a special reception in honor of Reformation Sunday and new members received today. Hosting: Janet Brown and new members received in May, 2011.

**WHAT'S NEW ABOUT THE OLD BIBLE STORIES.** 11:15 a.m., Conference Room, led by Dr. Erik Heen of Lutheran Theological Seminary. Discussions of Gospel stories we learned as children and what they tell us today.

**MY FAITH, MY FINANCES.** 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall, led by BMPC members Ann Buchanan, David and Barbara Heaton, and Jen and Stan Bowers. Hear how your peers grapple with the challenge of faith-facing finance.

**YOUTH GROUP.** 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., Halloween party and costume contest in Congregational Hall. We'll have snacks and drinks, music and games, and the winner of the costume contest will receive a gift card for ice cream!

## DID YOU KNOW?



STEWARDSHIP STORIES  
WHY WE GIVE

Salam City is located on the outskirts of Cairo and contains an estimated 5,000 workshops employing 20,000 children in car-painting, mechanics, carpentry, welding, and other labor-intensive professions. In addition to dangerous work conditions, children in these workshops often face mistreatment by employers. They frequently work longer hours than the legal limit, do not receive promised daily meals, and are sometimes exposed to physical abuse. Very often, these children drop out of school because of their work commitments. Without education, their choices for the future remain limited. Your contributions to BMPC help to support Hands Along the Nile, which works with these children to provide educational, health and protection services.

**CHILDCARE INFO/RESERVATIONS** other than on Sunday morning, contact childcare e-mail: [childcare@bmpc.org](mailto:childcare@bmpc.org) or childcare line: 610-520-8850.

## Learning and Connecting

**FORWARD IN FAITH CAMPAIGN.** Sun., Nov. 6 and Nov. 20, 11:15 a.m., Converse House Meeting Room. Join members of the Property Committee to tour some of the improvements being made to the campus as part of the Forward in Faith capital campaign. Info: carolmpyle@aol.com

**BE A SECRET SAINT.** Each fall many of our youth leave to start new adventures in college or boarding school. Sponsor one of our many students for one year or more. Secret Saints send goodies and cards and keep students in prayer. Contact RebeccaAlleva@bmpc.org or 610-520-8823.

The Book Center and Library

**GETTING INVOLVED WITH GOD: REDISCOVERING THE OLD TESTAMENT** by Ellen F. Davis, \$12. This book will be the basis for study at the Coffee Cup Bible Study beginning on Nov. 2. The Book Center is open following services and on weekdays 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Key available at the Reception Desk.

Sunday Adult Education Classes

For info: CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org or 610-525-2821, ext. 8819.

**THE CASE FOR GOD BY KAREN ARMSTRONG.** Sundays, 8:30 a.m., Conference Room, led by the Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray. Discussion of Part II, 1500 CE to the present. Explore the history of religious practices in different cultures.

**EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT RELIGION BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK.** Sun., Nov. 6, 11:15 a.m., Conference Room. The Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray will answer your questions. Come prepared with questions or just to listen to others' questions.

**KENTUCKY MISSION TRIP PRESENTATION.** Sun., Nov. 13, 11:15 a.m., Conference Room. BMPC members and pastors will share their experiences and photos of the mission trip to Appalachia.

**GATEWAY TO RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES.** Sun., Nov. 13, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m., presented by Quba Institute (Islamic

Congregation). Visit faith communities in West Philadelphia. Tour with a small group, attend the service, reflect and ask questions. Contact: SherriHausser@bmpc.org

Adult Weekday Classes

**PREACHER'S BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY.** Tuesdays, noon, Conference Room. Bring your lunch and meet with the preaching pastor for the upcoming Sunday to discuss the sermon text.

**WOMEN'S COFFEE CUP BIBLE STUDY.** Wednesdays., 10:00 a.m. See info under Presbyterian Women.

**TORAH (OLD TESTAMENT) STUDY OF HOSEA.** Thursdays, 11:00 a.m., led by Rabbi Franzel, Main Line Reform Temple, Wynnewood. BMPC contact: Phoebe Sheftel, pasheftel@comcast.net or 610-526-1802.

Congregational Care

**GET YOUR MEDICARE QUESTIONS ANSWERED.** Sun., Nov. 13, 11:15 a.m., Converse House Meeting Room. Whether you are new to Medicare or just looking to make a change to your current coverage, Kim Andrews, an Apprise coordinator with the state health insurance assistance program, can answer your questions. Kim will present Medicare basics as well as updates for 2012. Contact: Lorie Benovic, loriebenovic@bmpc.org or 610-520-8833.

**SEASONAL FLU VACCINE.** Sun., Nov. 20, 8:30-11:30 a.m., Ed. Bldg. Room 101, \$25; free with traditional Medicare Part B (your card required). Limited pneumonia vaccine will be offered, \$50. Registration: 610-520-8832.

**REPOSE YOGA.** Tues. and Thurs., 9:00-10:15 a.m., Church of the Redeemer, Parish House Assembly Room. Donations accepted for hunger fund. kcgagnier@verizon.net or 610-520-2595.

**JOIN THE WALKING GROUP.** 9:00 a.m. every Wed. in the back parking lot. Marie-Claire Higgins, mariehiggins@bmpc.org or 610-520-8832.

Middleton Center

For information about support groups, special events, counseling services or spiritual direction, contact the Rev. Joyce Krajian, 610-525-0766, mail@middletoncenter.org, or visit our website: middletoncenter.org. Calls are confidential, scholarships available.

**TAI CHI DROP-IN CLASSES.** Mondays, 9:00 a.m., Middleton Center, Room 201. This 90-minute moving meditation complements all styles of exercise. Benefits include stress reduction, arthritis management, and balance and coordination enhancement. \$15 per class. 610-525-0766.

**PARENTING ON THE MAIN LINE: POSITIVE PARENTING.** Thurs., Nov. 10, 7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. As part of an ongoing series to support parents and provide dialog, the Middleton Center and Main Line Reform Temple are collaborating on a parenting series. This meeting: a discussion on bullying with Lisagail Zeitlin from Temple University. Free and open to the public. For more information visit www.parentingonthemainline.com

**SEARCHING FOR STILL WATERS: AN EXPLO- RATION OF LOSS AND GRIEF.** Sat., Nov. 12, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., Middleton Center. This ongoing support group is for those coping with the loss of a loved one, whether recent or many years ago. Led by David Reed and Mary Joan Walheim. No cost. New and previous group members welcome.

Children & Family Ministries

**ART @ 9.** Sundays, 9:00 - 9:50 a.m., Rm. 201, Ed. Bldg, for children ages 3 and older. Nurture, fellowship and craft/creative time for children whose parents are attending BMPC classes.

**BLINK:** BMPC (love + inspire + nurture) Kids. To welcome children into our faith community and embrace them on their spiritual journeys, we invite children K-5 to begin worship with their families at the 10:00 a.m. service, Sanctuary.

**FAMILY FUN FRIDAY.** Nov. 18, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Festive supper followed by the holiday film, "The Polar Express," based on Chris Van All-

burg's book. RSVP by Nov. 17, Carolyn-Beitmann@bmpc.org or 610-525-2821 ext. 8812.

Peacemaking Committee

**14TH LOWER MERION INTERFAITH CELEBRATION OF THANKSGIVING.** Sun., Nov. 20, 4:00 p.m., Adath Israel, Merion Station, with 27 local sponsoring congregations. Enjoy readings, dancing, and singing. A free-will collection benefits ElderNet of Lower Merion & Narberth. Refreshments after the celebration; children welcomed.

Senior Adults

**SENIOR ADULT BRUNCH.** Sun., Nov. 6, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Senior Adult Council presents guest speaker Ted Goldsborough, immediate past president of Lower Merion Historical Society. \$15/person. Mail check to BMPC, attn. Amy Bauer.

**SENIORS CLUB LUNCH.** Wed., Nov. 16, noon, Congregational Hall. Dr. Sharon Hirsh, President of Rosemont College, will discuss the Challenges and Importance of Higher Education Today. Bring a bag lunch; coffee and sweets provided. All welcome. AmyBauer@bmpc.org

**PATHWAYS TO LEARNING: Trip to Odessa, DE.** Sat., Dec. 3. Christmas in Odessa is a self-guided walking tour of private homes and public buildings, decorated for the holidays. Lunch on your own at Odessa Fire Hall. Mail check for \$45, payable to BMPC/Senior Adults, to BMPC, attn. Amy Bauer. RSVP by Nov. 10. Bus departs 9:00 a.m., back parking lot; returns by 4:00 p.m.

Youth Ministries, Grades 6-12

**SWELL WORSHIP SERVICE.** Sun., Nov. 20, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for a contemporary worship service for all ages with a sermon by the Rev. Kellen Smith and special music from the Youth Chorale. Come as you are to meet the Spirit!

**THANKSGIVING PANCAKE BREAKFAST.** Thurs., Nov. 24, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for fellowship and food at this annual event. Admission fee (\$7/person) supports youth

## Caring and Sharing

scholarships for mission and summer trips. If we raise \$2,000, the youth will give Pastor Kellen a haircut, clipper style! Interested in volunteering to cook or serve? Contact: RebeccaAlleva@bmpc.org or 610-525-2821.

Young Adults

**COFFEE AND CONVERSATION.** Join us every other Thursday at Saxby's to chat Bible, theology, and life in general. Nov. 10, 7:00 p.m. No prep, no pressure. Just show up! louisaumphres@bmpc.org

Presbyterian Women (PW)

**COFFEE CUP BIBLE STUDY.** Weds., 10:00 a.m., Converse House Meeting Room. Beginning Nov. 2, discuss *Getting Involved with God: Rediscovering the Old Testament* by Ellen F. Davis. Book available in The Book Center.

**HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY.** Wed., Nov. 2, 10:30 a.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village ballroom, led by the Rev. Charles Grant. *Confessing the Beatitudes* considers the Beatitudes in literary, historical and cultural contexts of Jesus' time. Lesson: Chapter 3. Joyce Malott, okf405@erols.com or 610-525-4469.

**DIMENSIONS IN LITERATURE.** Tues., Nov. 15, 9:30 a.m., Converse House Porch. Rosemont College Professor Timothy O'Hara leads discussion of *Lancelot* by Walker Percy. Info: Eric Johnson johnsone@cpenow.com

**HOLY LEISURE.** Fri., Nov. 16, 6:30 p.m., home of Marge Kennedy. Enjoy fellowship, dinner and discussion led by the Rev. Louisa Watkins Umphres. RSVP by Nov. 11 to Valerie Craig: valeriecraig2@verizon.net or 610-688-3113.

Y Group

**CHILDCARE AVAILABLE FOR ALL EVENTS AT THE CHURCH.** Reserve three days in advance: childcare@bmpc.org or 610-520-8850.

**Y GROUP MONTHLY MEETING.** Tues., Nov. 15 (note date change), 9:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. We will decorate 60 stockings for the children at Presbyterian Children's Village.

West Philadelphia

**URBAN SUBURBAN BOOK GROUP.** Tues., Nov. 25, 7:00 p.m., Overbrook Presbyterian Church, 6376 Overbrook Ave. (City & Lancaster Ave.), Philadelphia. This month's selection *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. Sherry.archer19@yahoo.com or 215-473-4327.

Outreach

**THE OTHER CARPENTER 10TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.** TOC is celebrating its 10th anniversary of housing ministry in West Philadelphia this fall. TOC works with local low-moderate income homeowners to provide hands-on assistance making repairs that families cannot make on their own. We are thankful for all the help we have received from BMPC and continue to invite participants into our important work.

Worldwide Ministries

**INTERFAITH TRIP TO ISRAEL AND THE HOLY LAND.** May 7-17, 2012. Join us as we travel with members of neighboring congregations to Jerusalem (five nights), Galilee (two nights), Tel Aviv (two nights). Contact: SherriHausser@bmpc.org or CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org

Hunger Committee

**HUNGER ENVELOPES.** Your contributions in the white hunger envelopes in the pews provide food for emergency food cupboards, homeless shelters, and hunger relief organizations.

**JOIN THE HUNGER COMMITTEE.** This dedicated, energetic group believes that every person has a right to adequate food, obtained with dignity. Info: Dave Hastings, dhast99@yahoo.com or 610-325-3456.

**HUNGER FACT.** Most food cupboards are housed in church basements and managed by elderly volunteers who have difficulty providing the level of service that they recognize as being needed in their communities.

**CASSEROLE BLITZ.** Sat., Nov. 12th, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. Prepare nutritious casseroles to be delivered to Philadelphia area food cupboards and homeless shelters. Contact: Bob Weber, b2mw@aol.com or 610-519-9966.